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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, SREF, ENRG

SUBJECT: GAO BACKGROUND STUDIES

REFERENCE: BEIRUT (1) 4380, (2) 4381 DATED APRIL 13, 1973

1. GAO- FRANKFURT MESSAGE WAS PREMATURE SINCE DISCUSSIONS OF BACKGROUND STUDIES CONCERNING " PALESTINIAN REFUGEES" AND " OIL- RELATED ISSUES" HAD NOT BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN GAO- WASHINGTON AND DEPARTMENT. APPRECIATED BEIRUT'S PROMPT REFERRAL FRANKFURT MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT.

2. GAO IS NOW PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH STUDIES, WITH DEPARTMENT COOPERATION, TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA. ORIGINALLY, GAO PLANNED VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS IN GAZA STRIP BUT IS NOW AWARE OF BOTH PHYSICAL RISK AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUCH EFFORTS AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO PRESS THIS POINT.

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3. GAO REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT SITUATION IN LEBANON IS TENSE AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CHECK AGAIN WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE DEPARTURE ON ADVISABILITY OF BEIRUT VISIT.

4. LATEST GAO PLANS ARE THAT GAO TEAM WILL BE IN BEIRUT AND TEL AVIV SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 30 TH- MAY 9 TH, AND IN JIDDA, KUWAIT AND TEHRAN SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD MAY 15- JUNE 1.

5. FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ON RELATIONS WITH GAO, REFER TO 4 FAM 930-934. IF IMPORTANT PROBLEMS ARISE DURING CONDUCT OF THE STUDIES, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT, AND AS NECESSARY, SEEK SPECIFIC GUIDANCE. ROGERS

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